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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Increase in Enemy Forces in Vietnam Since December

1. A review of COMUSMACV's order of battle figures for the period December-January reflects no significant change in the confirmed strength of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong Main Force and Local Force combat units. There have been changes in the listing of non-combat elements (combat support and administrative support, etc.) of a bookkeeping character which do not really reflect changes in the enemy's combat potential.

2. In early December, COMUSMACV listed the enemy strengths as follows:

	Combat	Support Personnel	Total
Main and Local Force	109,860	25,653	134,513
Paramilitary	112,760*	39,165**	151,925
Total	222,620	64,818	286,438

*Included Self-Defense Militia
**Political cadre

3. As of January, COMUSMACV shifted to the new basis, dropping the Self-Defense Militia and the Political cadre from the accounting, establishing new categories for support personnel, and significantly increasing the strength of the latter. The 22 January figures reported by COMUSMACV are as follows:

	Combat	Combat Support	Admin Support	Total
Main and Local Force	110,286	14,155	38,000	162,441
Guerrillas	73,500	------	------	73,500
Total	183,786	14,155	38,000	235,941

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